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LOUISIANA CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE SUMMARY

(in thousands)	PRELIMINARY JANUARY 1986				REVISED DECEMBER 1985				REVISED JANUARY 1985			
	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate
LOUISIANA	1,939.5	1,702.2	237.3	12.2	1,963.0	1,740.2	222.8	11.3	1,935.7	1,719.9	215.8	11.1
LABOR MARKET AREAS:												
Alexandria 1/	57.5	51.5	6.0	10.4	58.1	52.4	5.7	9.7	57.2	51.4	5.8	10.1
Baton Rouge 2/	254.0	224.9	29.1	11.5	256.8	229.6	27.2	10.6	254.4	230.6	23.8	9.4
Houma - Thibodaux 3/	76.5	67.0	9.5	12.4	78.4	69.9	8.5	10.8	78.6	69.5	9.1	11.6
Lafayette 4/	110.2	99.7	10.5	9.5	109.4	99.7	9.7	8.9	106.5	97.4	9.1	8.5
Lake Charles 5/	72.6	62.4	10.2	14.1	73.4	63.9	9.5	12.9	75.5	63.5	12.0	15.9
Monroe 6/	66.6	59.3	7.3	11.0	68.4	61.7	6.7	9.8	65.2	58.9	6.3	9.6
New Orleans 7/	589.2	528.1	61.1	10.4	597.6	536.7	60.9	10.2	599.8	537.2	62.6	10.4
Shreveport 8/	166.6	146.4	20.2	12.1	167.8	148.4	19.4	11.6	165.9	152.1	13.8	8.3

Parishes included in above Labor Market Areas are listed at the end of the Employment and Payroll Trends narrative.

NOTICE NOTICE

The civilian labor force series has been revised effective with this publication to include not only annual benchmark revisions, but for the first time incorporates 1980 census information in the employment and unemployment estimates. Labor force data in this publication is not comparable to series released earlier. Revised monthly series for the state and areas should be available from this division for the years 1984 through 1985 by the end of March, 1986.

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EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in Louisiana was estimated at 1,569,900 for January, a decrease of 30,500 from December and down 15,900 from December a year ago. Most of the decrease was centered in the nonmanufacturing industries with all segments showing a downturn in employment level's. Louisiana's manufacturing payrolls were down as a result of declines in the durable and nondurable goods segments.

January employment for the durable goods sector of manufacturing stood at 75,800, a decrease of 800 from the December level and 8,100 lower than the year ago figure. Less business in the concrete, gypsum and plaster products segment was responsible in large part for the lower employment level in stone, clay and glass products. Fabricated metal products employment fell due to decreased production of ordnance and accessories and lower production of fabricated structural metal products. Machinery, except electrical, employment fell primarily due to layoffs in the general industrial machinery sector.

A seasonal drop in food and kindred products employment was the main factor in the lower nondurable goods payrolls for January. The seasonal decrease in sugar cane processing contributed most to the downturn in food and kindred products employment. Chemicals and allied products employment was lower for January largely due to layoffs in the industrial inorganic chemicals industry.

Employment for January in nonmanufacturing, estimated at 1,399,600, was 27,300 below last month and 5,400 lower than the year ago figure. Decreased employment in oil and gas field services was responsible for the drop in mining. Construction employment was down for the current month due in large part to decreased activity in general building construction and heavy construction. Transportation and public utilities payrolls were lower for January due largely to less business in trucking and warehousing and water transportation. Due to the ending of the holiday season, cutbacks in retail trade payrolls were most significant in the downward turn of trade employment. A decline in real estate employment contributed to the decrease in the finance, insurance and real estate segment of nonmanufacturing. Although personal services experienced a seasonal increase, employment in services was down for January due to decreases in several other segments. Estimated government employment this month was lower as a result of a decline in state education employment.

Average weekly earnings of Louisiana's 120,900 production workers in manufacturing decreased from $448.35 in December to $432.85 in January, a decrease of $15.50 and an increase of $5.60 above the comparable period a year ago. Average hourly earnings were seven cents lower in January than last month and $0.11 more than January a year ago. Weekly hours averaged 41.5 for January, a decrease of 1.2 hours from December's figure.

Estimated total unemployment in January amounted to 237,300, an increase of 14,500 from December's level of 222,800. The unemployment rate for January was 12.2 percent compared to 11.3 percent last month and 11.1 percent in January a year ago. The comparable national unemployment rate for January was 7.3 percent compared to 6.7 percent in December and 8.0 percent for January a year ago. Louisiana's civilian labor force decreased from 1,963,000 in December to 1,939,500 in January, a decrease of 23,500 but 3,800 more than the year ago figure. Total employment moved from 1,740,200 last month to 1,702,200 for the current month, a decrease of 38,000 and 17,700 lower than January a year ago.

Louisiana's unemployment rate may show a slight decrease in the next few months. Mining, construction and government should show an upward movement in the upcoming months.

1/ Rapides Parish only. 2/ Includes Ascension, East Baton Rouge, Livingston, and West Baton Rouge parishes. 3/ Includes LaFourche and Terrebonne parishes. 4/ Includes Lafayette and St. Martin parishes. 5/ Calcasieu Parish only. 6/ Ouachita Parish only. 7/ Includes Jefferson, Orleans, St. Bernard, St. Tammany, St. Charles and St. John the Baptist parishes. 8/ Includes Bossier and Caddo parishes.

LOUISIANA
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
(In Thousands by Industry)

	January 1986*	December 1985**	January 1985**	Net Change from December 1985	Net Change from January 1985
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	1,569.9	1,600.4	1,585.8	-30.5	-15.9
MINING	78.7	80.5	83.7	- 1.8	- 5.0
Oil and Gas Extraction	75.5	77.3	80.9	- 1.8	- 5.4
Nonmetallic Minerals	3.2	3.2	2.8	0	+ 0.4
CONSTRUCTION	94.9	100.3	104.3	- 5.4	- 9.4
MANUFACTURING	170.3	173.5	180.8	- 3.2	-10.5
Durable Goods	75.8	76.6	83.9	- 0.8	- 8.1
Lumber and Wood Products	12.8	12.8	13.0	0	- 0.2
Furniture and Fixtures	0.6	0.6	0.8	0	- 0.2
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	6.6	6.8	7.7	- 0.2	- 1.1
Primary Metal Industries	3.3	3.4	3.6	- 0.1	- 0.3
Fabricated Metal Products	13.1	13.4	13.1	- 0.3	0
Machinery, Except Electrical	9.5	9.8	10.3	- 0.3	- 0.8
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	7.6	7.6	11.4	0	- 3.8
Transportation Equipment	19.8	19.7	21.5	+ 0.1	- 1.7
Other Durable Goods (1)	2.5	2.5	2.5	0	0
Nondurable Goods	94.5	96.9	96.9	- 2.4	- 2.4
Food & Kindred Products	20.8	22.8	20.6	- 2.0	+ 0.2
Apparel & Other Textile Products	9.0	9.0	9.0	0	0
Paper & Allied Products	11.4	11.4	11.6	0	- 0.2
Printing & Publishing	10.3	10.3	10.2	0	+ 0.1
Chemicals & Allied Products	26.9	27.3	29.0	- 0.4	- 2.1
Petroleum and Coal Products	12.2	12.3	12.6	- 0.1	- 0.4
Petroleum Refining	11.6	11.6	11.7	0	- 0.1
Other Nondurable Goods (2)	3.9	3.8	3.9	+ 0.1	0
TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES	112.1	114.5	115.6	- 2.4	- 3.5
Railroad Transportation	6.0	6.0	6.6	0	- 0.6
Transportation, ex. Railroads	65.0	67.1	66.6	- 2.1	- 1.6
Water Transportation***	29.9	30.7	30.6	- 0.8	- 0.7
Communication & Electric, Gas & Sanitary Ser.	41.1	41.4	42.4	- 0.3	- 1.3
Communication, Exc. U S Postal Ser.***	19.4	19.8	20.9	- 0.4	- 1.5
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services***	21.7	21.6	21.5	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	383.9	397.3	381.8	-13.4	+ 2.1
Wholesale Trade	90.7	91.9	93.6	- 1.2	- 2.9
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods***	52.0	52.5	55.1	- 0.5	- 3.1
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods***	38.7	39.4	38.5	- 0.7	+ 0.2
Retail Trade	293.2	305.4	288.2	-12.2	+ 5.0
Gen. Merchandise, Apparel & Acc.	60.6	66.3	60.1	- 5.7	+ 0.5
Food Stores	57.2	58.5	52.8	- 1.3	+ 4.4
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	32.5	32.4	32.1	+ 0.1	+ 0.4
Eating & Drinking Places	87.8	90.3	87.9	- 2.5	- 0.1
Other Retail Trade	55.1	57.9	55.3	- 2.8	- 0.2

LOUISIANA - CONTINUED
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
(In Thousands by Industry)

	January 1986*	December 1985**	January 1985**	Net Change from December 1985	Net Change from January 1985
FINANCE, INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE	85.4	85.9	84.0	- 0.5	+ 1.4
Banking	27.6	27.7	27.4	- 0.1	+ 0.2
SERVICES	319.3	320.9	313.2	- 1.6	+ 6.1
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	23.8	24.1	24.0	- 0.3	- 0.2
Personal Services***	15.7	14.9	15.3	+ 0.8	+ 0.4
Business Services***	57.5	58.2	56.4	- 0.7	+ 1.1
Auto Repair, Services & Garages***	10.6	10.7	10.0	- 0.1	+ 0.6
Miscellaneous Repair Services***	7.2	7.5	7.3	- 0.3	- 0.1
Amusement & Recreation Services***	9.1	9.4	8.9	- 0.3	+ 0.2
Health Services***	90.7	91.0	88.9	- 0.3	+ 1.8
Legal Services***	13.6	13.5	13.1	+ 0.1	+ 0.5
Educational Services***	25.3	25.6	22.8	- 0.3	+ 2.5
Social Services***	17.9	17.9	17.8	0	+ 0.1
Membership Organizations***	24.7	24.8	25.8	- 0.1	- 1.1
Miscellaneous Services***	17.0	17.2	17.2	- 0.2	- 0.2
GOVERNMENT	325.3	327.5	322.4	- 2.2	+ 2.9
Federal	35.4	35.7	34.4	- 0.3	+ 1.0
State and Local	289.9	291.8	288.0	- 1.9	+ 1.9
State	104.1	106.4	102.1	- 2.3	+ 2.0
Local	185.8	185.4	185.9	+ 0.4	- 0.1

* Preliminary **Revised ***Series added effective with this report. Historical series available thru 1984 only.

(1) Includes Professional equipment and misc. manufacturing industries
(2) Includes Leather, Rubber and Textile products.

All estimates of Nonagricultural wage and salaried workers in this publication prepared in cooperation with U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, and include all full time and part time workers who were employed during the pay period including the 12th of the month.

AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING AND SELECTED NONMANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN LOUISIANA

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	January '86*	Dec. '85**	January '85**	January '86*	Dec. '85**	January '85**	January '86*	Dec. '85**	January '85**
All MANUFACTURING (1)	$432.85	$448.35	$427.25	41.5	42.7	41.4	$10.43	$10.50	$10.32
Durable Goods	376.53	401.15	394.28	40.4	41.7	41.2	9.32	9.62	9.57
Lumber & Wood Products	296.72	307.33	300.98	39.3	39.2	40.4	7.55	7.84	7.45
Stone, Clay, & Glass Pdts.	365.18	370.95	341.73	38.0	38.6	39.1	9.61	9.61	8.74
Fabricated Metal Products	402.19	439.42	393.01	43.2	47.3	41.5	9.31	9.29	9.47
Machinery, ex. Electrical	384.71	395.79	386.72	40.2	41.1	40.2	9.57	9.63	9.62
Electric & Electronic Equip.	443.77	468.63	435.56	39.8	41.0	41.8	11.15	11.43	10.42
Transportation Equipment	414.53	461.32	478.34	40.8	41.9	42.9	10.16	11.01	11.15
Nondurable Goods	484.36	490.75	461.20	42.6	43.7	41.7	11.37	11.23	11.06
Food & Kindred Products	304.19	327.38	300.17	39.2	44.3	39.6	7.76	7.39	7.58
Apparel & Other Textile Pdts.	207.59	200.54	212.22	38.3	37.0	38.1	5.42	5.42	5.57
Paper & Allied Products	553.78	598.91	534.38	43.4	44.2	43.2	12.76	13.55	12.37
Printing & Publishing	411.46	405.08	364.65	41.9	41.0	39.0	9.82	9.88	9.35
Chemicals & Allied Pdts.	660.33	651.53	640.21	43.5	42.5	43.7	15.18	15.33	14.65
Petroleum & Coal Products	722.67	741.49	655.30	49.6	51.6	44.7	14.57	14.37	14.66
Petroleum Refining	743.82	763.35	685.99	50.6	52.5	45.4	14.70	14.54	15.11
MINING	542.14	552.48	531.00	46.1	48.0	47.2	11.76	11.51	11.25
COMMUNICATIONS & PUBLIC UTILITIES	528.32	538.20	489.22	41.6	41.4	40.1	12.70	13.00	12.20
BANKING	256.03	258.33	247.27	38.1	39.5	38.1	6.72	6.54	6.49

(1) Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 120,900 full and part-time workers in manufacturing and 104,300 nonsupervisory employees in communications, public utilities, mining and banking. The averages are computed on a "Gross" basis and reflect over-time, late shift work and incentive rates.

LOUISIANA EMPLOYMENT SITUATION BY LABOR MARKET AREA

	PRELIMINARY 01 86				REVISED 12 85			
	LABOR FORCE	EMPL.	UNEMP	RATE	LABOR FORCE	EMPL.	UNEMP	RATE
CROWLEY (ACADIA)	22,650	19,625	3,025	13.3	23,450	20,625	2,825	12.1
OAKDALE (ALLEN)	10,150	8,600	1,550	15.3	9,575	8,225	1,350	14.1
NAPOLEONVILLE (ASSUMPTION)	8,250	6,225	2,025	24.5	7,925	6,600	1,325	16.8
BUNKIE (AVOYELLES)	16,100	12,875	3,225	20.0	16,225	13,300	2,925	18.0
DERIDDER (BEAUREGARD)	13,250	11,650	1,600	12.2	13,500	12,025	1,475	10.9
ARCADIA (BIENVILLE)	6,525	5,600	925	14.1	6,525	5,650	875	13.4
COLUMBIA (CALDWELL)	4,600	3,975	625	13.5	4,675	4,150	525	11.1
CAMERON (CAMERON)	4,950	4,425	525	10.8	5,075	4,575	500	9.8
JONESVILLE (CATAHOULA)	4,750	3,550	1,200	25.2	4,625	3,650	975	21.0
HOMER (CLAIBORNE)	7,350	6,700	650	9.0	7,650	6,950	700	9.2
FERRIDAY (CONCORDIA)	10,100	8,050	2,050	20.3	10,075	8,250	1,825	18.2
MANSFIELD (DESOTO)	14,125	12,050	2,075	14.6	14,625	12,625	2,000	13.7
LAKE PROVIDENCE (E. CARROLL)	4,525	3,475	1,050	23.4	4,525	3,650	875	19.3
CLINTON (EAST FELICIANA)	8,025	6,875	1,150	14.3	8,200	7,175	1,025	12.5
VILLE PLATTE(EVANGELINE)	14,075	11,875	2,200	15.6	14,175	12,125	2,050	14.5
WINNSBORO (FRANKLIN)	8,450	6,750	1,700	20.2	8,650	7,075	1,575	18.2
COLFAX (GRANT)	7,075	6,025	1,050	15.0	7,025	6,100	925	13.2
NEW IBERIA (IBERIA)	28,650	24,225	4,425	15.4	28,950	25,175	3,775	13.1
PLAQUEMINE (IBERVILLE)	12,175	10,025	2,150	17.6	12,175	10,200	1,975	16.2
JONESBORO (JACKSON)	6,850	6,150	700	10.1	7,100	6,425	675	9.5
JENNINGS (JEFFERSON DAVIS)	12,425	10,600	1,825	14.7	12,600	11,000	1,600	12.7
JENA (LASALLE)	7,175	6,450	725	10.1	7,325	6,625	700	9.7
RUSTON (LINCOLN)	17,900	16,950	950	5.3	18,275	17,325	950	5.2
TALLULAH (MADISON)	6,450	5,225	1,225	19.1	6,450	5,375	1,075	16.6
BASTROP (MOREHOUSE)	13,125	10,600	2,525	19.3	13,150	10,900	2,250	17.1
NATCHITOCHES (NATCHITOCHES)	16,800	14,675	2,125	12.6	17,050	15,175	1,875	11.0
POINT-A-LA-HACHE (PLAQUM.)	10,250	9,150	1,100	10.7	10,475	9,400	1,075	10.3
NEW ROADS (POINTE COUPEE)	8,250	6,450	1,800	21.9	8,250	6,725	1,525	18.6
COUSHATTA (RED RIVER)	4,250	3,750	500	12.0	4,325	3,825	500	11.6
RAYVILLE (RICHLAND)	8,350	6,825	1,525	18.1	8,300	6,925	1,375	16.5
MANY (SABINE)	9,825	8,525	1,300	13.3	10,025	8,825	1,200	12.0
GREENSBURG (ST. HELENA)	3,300	2,850	450	13.9	3,300	2,875	425	12.9
LUTCHER (ST. JAMES)	10,100	8,400	1,700	16.8	11,050	9,575	1,475	13.3
OPELOUSAS (ST. LANDRY)	34,475	28,200	6,275	18.2	34,825	29,050	5,775	16.6
MORGAN CITY (ST. MARY)	30,675	25,375	5,300	17.3	31,000	26,650	4,350	14.0
HAMMOND (TANGIPAHOA)	38,000	32,225	5,775	15.2	38,175	32,750	5,425	14.2
ST. JOSEPH (TENSAS)	3,150	2,675	475	14.7	3,225	2,825	400	12.5
FARMERVILLE (UNION)	8,300	7,125	1,175	14.2	8,450	7,375	1,075	12.8
ABBEVILLE (VERMILION)	21,475	18,000	3,475	16.2	21,700	18,550	3,150	14.5
LEESVILLE (VERNON)	17,600	16,050	1,550	8.9	17,975	16,375	1,600	8.8
BOGALUSA (WASHINGTON)	17,300	14,775	2,525	14.6	17,450	15,100	2,350	13.5
MINDEN (WEBSTER)	19,675	16,950	2,725	13.8	19,950	17,275	2,675	13.5
OAK GROVE (WEST CARROLL)	4,975	3,725	1,250	25.2	5,175	4,050	1,125	21.9
ST. FRANCISVILLE (W. FELIC.)	4,325	3,700	625	14.3	4,275	3,800	475	10.9
WINNFIELD (WINN)	5,525	4,925	600	11.0	5,600	5,000	600	10.5

NOTE: LABOR MARKET AREAS ARE DESIGNATED BY NAME OF PRINCIPAL TOWN, BUT INCLUDE ALL OF PARISH IN PARENTHESIS.

ABOVE DATA ROUNDED TO NEAREST 25 EXCEPT LMAS AND STATEWIDE WHICH ARE ROUNDED TO NEAREST 100. SUBTOTALS MAY NOT ADD TO TOTALS DUE TO ROUNDING. RATES COMPUTED FROM UNROUNDED DATA.

ALEXANDRIA AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	January 1986*	December 1985**	January 1985**	Net Change From December 1985	Net Change From January 1985
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	45.2	45.7	44.4	- 0.5	+ 0.8
MANUFACTURING	3.5	3.5	3.5	0	0
Durable Goods	2.3	2.3	2.3	0	0
Lumber & Wood Products	1.7	1.7	1.7	0	0
Other Durable Goods	0.6	0.6	0.6	0	0
Nondurable Goods	1.2	1.2	1.2	0	0
Food & Kindred Products	0.8	0.8	0.8	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	0.4	0.4	0.4	0	0
MINING	0.2	0.2	0.2	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	2.7	2.8	2.7	- 0.1	0
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	2.2	2.2	2.2	0	0
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	11.0	11.3	10.7	- 0.3	+ 0.3
Wholesale Trade	2.2	2.2	2.2	0	0
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods***	1.2	1.2	1.2	0	0
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods***	1.0	1.0	1.0	0	0
Retail Trade	8.8	9.1	8.5	- 0.3	+ 0.3
Gen. Mdse., App. & Acc.	1.9	2.1	1.8	- 0.2	+ 0.1
Auto Dlrs. & Svc. Sta.	1.1	1.1	1.0	0	+ 0.1
Eating & Drinking Places	2.4	2.4	2.4	0	0
Otner Retail Trade	3.4	3.5	3.3	- 0.1	+ 0.1
FINANCE, INS., & REAL ESTATE	2.5	2.5	2.5	0	0
SERVICES	10.0	10.0	9.8	0	+ 0.2
Health Services	4.2	4.1	4.0	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
GOVERNMENT	13.1	13.2	12.8	- 0.1	+ 0.3
Federal	2.6	2.6	2.5	0	+ 0.1
State and Local	10.5	10.6	10.3	- 0.1	+ 0.2
State	5.4	5.5	5.3	- 0.1	+ 0.1
Local	5.1	5.1	5.0	0	+ 0.1

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Alexandria Metropolitan Statistical Area was estimated at 45,200 during January. This estimate was 500 less than December and 800 more than January of last year.

Estimated employment in manufacturing during January totaled 3,500. This estimate was unchanged since the past month, and the same as the past January.

Employment in nonmanufacturing was estimated at 41,700 during January. This was 500 less than December and 800 more than last January. Changes since last month reflect seasonal reductions in retail trade and the construction industries. Compared to January of last year, employment gains were in retail trade, services and government.

During the next thirty days, we should experience a continued increase in the number of unemployed and the unemployment rate, as retail sales and outdoor related employment continue seasonal declines.

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TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	213.3	215.6	216.0	- 2.3	- 2.7
MANUFACTURING	20.4	20.5	21.7	- 0.1	- 1.3
Durable Goods	4.3	4.3	4.4	0	- 0.1
Lumber and Wood Products	0.6	0.6	0.6	0	0
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	0.9	0.9	1.0	0	- 0.1
Fabricated Metal Products	0.9	0.9	1.0	0	- 0.1
Other Durable Goods	1.9	1.9	1.8	0	+ 0.1
Nondurable Goods	16.1	16.2	17.3	- 0.1	- 1.2
Food & Kindred Products	1.8	2.0	1.9	- 0.2	- 0.1
Printing & Publishing	1.8	1.8	1.6	0	+ 0.2
Chemicals and Petroleum Products	11.7	11.6	12.8	+ 0.1	- 1.1
Other Nondurable Goods	0.8	0.8	1.0	0	- 0.2
MINING	1.3	1.2	1.3	+ 0.1	0
CONSTRUCTION	20.8	21.2	22.0	- 0.4	- 1.2
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILTIES	10.1	10.2	10.5	- 0.1	- 0.4
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	51.3	52.5	52.6	- 1.2	- 1.3
Wholesale Trade	11.1	11.0	11.4	+ 0.1	- 0.3
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods***	7.9	7.8	8.0	+ 0.1	- 0.1
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods***	3.2	3.2	3.4	0	- 0.2
Retail Trade	40.2	41.5	41.2	- 1.3	- 1.0
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	14.0	14.0	13.6	0	+ 0.4
Banking***	4.4	4.4	4.4	0	0
SERVICES	41.4	41.1	39.7	+ 0.3	+ 1.7
GOVERNMENT	54.0	54.9	54.6	- 0.9	- 0.6
Federal	2.3	2.2	2.1	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
State and Local	51.7	52.7	52.5	- 1.0	- 0.8
State	31.4	31.9	31.1	- 0.5	+ 0.3
Local	20.3	20.8	21.4	- 0.5	- 1.1

BATON ROUGE AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	January '86*	Dec. '85**	January '85**	January '86*	Dec. '85**	January '85**	January '86*	Dec. '85**	January '85**
All MANUFACTURING (1)	$555.52	$510.62	$577.20	41.8	43.2	44.4	$13.29	$11.82	$13.00
Petro-Chemicals	741.19	640.50	716.39	47.0	43.9	47.1	15.77	14.59	15.21

Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 12,500 production workers and are computed on a "gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

BATON ROUGE AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Nonagricultural employment in the Baton Rouge LMA at 213,300 during January was seasonally down 2,300 from December's revised estimate. Manufacturing was down 100 and nonmanufacturing was down 2,200.

Employment in manufacturing at 20,400 during January was down 100 from December's revised estimate. Durable goods had no change during the current period. Nondurable goods was down due to a seasonal drop in sugar and confectionery products; however, some of this drop was offset by an increase in miscellaneous products of petroleum and coal due to more business.

Estimated employment in nonmanufacturing at 192,900 was seasonally down 2,200 during the current period. Mining was up due to more business in crude petroleum and natural gas and in oil and gas field services. Construction was down due to less business in heavy construction, except highway and street construction and in miscellaneous special trades contractors. Transportation and public utilities were down due to a seasonal drop in arrangement of transportation and in radio and television broadcasting. Wholesale trade was up due to a seasonal increase in motor vehicle and automobile parts and supplies in durable goods. Nondurable goods had no change. Retail trade had seasonal drops in all major industry groups except furniture, home furnishings and equipment stores. Finance, insurance and real estate had no change. Services were up due to more business in legal services, business associations, and in engineering, architectural, and surveying services. Federal government was up due to an increase in U. S. Postal Service. State government was down due to a seasonal drop in colleges, universities, professional schools and junior colleges. Local government was down due to budget restraints and private contracting of garbage collection in East Baton Rouge parish.

Average weekly earnings of Baton Rouge LMA's 12,500 production workers in all manufacturing was $555.52, up $44.90 over December's revised average. Average weekly hours were down 1.4 hours and average hourly earnings were up $1.47 during the current period. The increases were due to more overtime worked by higher paid employees in the petro-chemicals industries.

Total employment of Baton Rouge LMA's residents was estimated at 224,900 during January, down 4,700 from December's revised estimate and down 5,700 from January of last year. Unemployment at 29,100 was up 1,900 during the current period. January's unemployment rate was 11.5 percent, up from December's revised 10.6 percent. The statewide rate was 12.2 percent during January. The Baton Rouge LMA civilian labor force totaled 254,000 during the current period.

Unemployment is expected to remain high during the coming month due to economic conditions in the local area.

The Baton Rouge Job Service Office served 2,583 individuals with new or renewal applications, and placed 490 applicants in jobs during January.

The consumer price index for December, 1985 for all urban consumers was 327.4 and for all urban wage and clerical workers 323.4 using base period 1967=100.

HOUMA - THIBODAUX AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	January 1986*	December 1985**	January 1985**	Net Change From December 1985	Net Change From January 1985
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	60.4	62.6	62.3	- 2.2	- 1.9
MANUFACTURING	4.7	5.3	4.9	- 0.6	- 0.2
Durable Goods	3.1	3.1	3.4	0	- 0.3
Nondurable Goods	1.6	2.2	1.5	- 0.6	+ 0.1
MINING	7.7	8.2	8.8	- 0.5	- 1.1
CONSTRUCTION	2.5	2.8	3.0	- 0.3	- 0.5
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	7.4	7.7	7.8	- 0.3	- 0.4
Water Transportation	4.9	5.0	5.1	- 0.1	- 0.2
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	15.1	15.5	15.4	- 0.4	- 0.3
Wholesale Trade	3.4	3.5	3.5	- 0.1	- 0.1
Retail Trade	11.7	12.0	11.9	- 0.3	- 0.2
Eating & Drinking Places	3.5	3.5	3.8	0	- 0.3
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	2.7	2.6	2.6	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
SERVICES	9.1	9.1	8.8	0	+ 0.3
GOVERNMENT	11.2	11.4	11.0	- 0.2	+ 0.2
Federal	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
State and Local	10.7	10.9	10.5	- 0.2	+ 0.2
State	3.1	3.1	2.9	0	+ 0.2
Local	7.6	7.8	7.6	- 0.2	0

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural wage and salary employment in the Houma-Thibodaux LMA in January moved down to 60,400, a level 2,200 below December. The decrease was spread through every industry division and was mostly seasonal in nature. Since January 1985, total nonagricultural wage and salary employment lost 1,900 workers, with only services and government showing overall gains.

Retail trade made seasonal downward adjustments following the close of the holiday season. The decrease was largely in employment by general merchandise stores, apparel stores, and miscellaneous retail stores. Wholesale trade tapered off in the nondurable goods segment. Transportation decreased seasonally. Government reflected a small decrease in local government. More favorably, finance added workers. Services showed no change in total employment, with minor increases in some industries offsetting small decreases in others.

Seasonal weather conditions caused the downturn in construction. Mining decreased 500 over the month.

Manufacturing employment totaled 4,700 in January, down 600 from last month. The decrease was due to the seasonal nature of the sugar industry. Compared to one year ago, manufacturing employment is down 200.

Estimated unemployment in January pushed up to 9,500, a level 1,000 above December. Normal seasonal factors were mostly responsible. Joblessness presently comprises 12.4 percent of the labor force compared to 10.8 percent in December and 11.6 percent in January of last year. The January rate was slightly higher than the state rate of 12.2 percent, and much higher than the comparable national rate of 7.3 percent. Beneficiaries of regular unemployment insurance totaled 2,666.

Total nonagricultural wage and salary employment in the coming months is predicted to show a small total gain. Mining, construction and transportation will benefit from better weather conditions. Retail trade will probably add workers as the Easter season approaches. Unemployment is predicted to exhibit little overall change.

LAFAYETTE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	January 1986*	December 1985**	January 1985**	Net Change From December 1985	Net Change From January 1985
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	98.9	99.7	97.5	- 0.8	+ 1.4
MANUFACTURING	5.9	6.1	6.2	- 0.2	- 0.3
Durable Goods	2.0	2.2	2.2	- 0.2	- 0.2
Nondurable Goods	3.9	3.9	4.0	0	- 0.1
Food & Kindred Products	1.5	1.5	1.6	0	- 0.1
MINING	17.5	17.4	17.8	+ 0.1	- 0.3
CONSTRUCTION	5.1	5.3	5.2	- 0.2	- 0.1
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	7.3	7.3	7.2	0	+ 0.1
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	25.7	26.0	25.4	- 0.3	+ 0.3
Wholesale Trade	6.5	6.6	6.5	- 0.1	0
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods***	4.3	4.3	4.3	0	0
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods***	2.2	2.3	2.2	- 0.1	0
Retail Trade	19.2	19.4	18.9	- 0.2	+ 0.3
Gen. Mdse., App. & Acc.	3.4	3.6	3.3	- 0.2	+ 0.1
Food Stores	3.0	3.0	3.0	0	0
Auto. Dlrs. & Serv. Sta.	1.9	1.8	1.9	+ 0.1	0
Other Retail Trade	10.9	11.0	10.7	- 0.1	+ 0.2
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	3.9	3.9	4.1	0	- 0.2
Banking***	1.6	1.6	1.6	0	0
SERVICES	19.6	19.9	19.3	- 0.3	+ 0.3
GOVERNMENT	13.9	13.8	12.3	+ 0.1	+ 1.6
Federal	0.9	0.9	0.9	0	0
State and Local	13.0	12.9	11.4	+ 0.1	+ 1.6
State	5.4	5.4	3.9	0	+ 1.5
Local	7.6	7.5	7.5	+ 0.1	+ 0.1

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in Lafayette during January stood at 98,900, a decrease of 800 from the previous month but a gain of 1,400 from the same time a year ago.

Lafayette's nonmanufacturing industries decreased 600 from December of 1985 and increased 1,700 from January of 1985.

Manufacturing decreased 200 from the previous month and 300 from the same period last year.

Wholesale and retail trade decreased 300 from December and gained 300 from January of 1985.

Services decreased 300 from the previous month yet gained 300 from the same period of time a year ago.

The unemployment rate should continue to be high as the price of oil continues to decline. The decreases noted above are of a seasonal nature.

LAKE CHARLES AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	January 1986*	December 1985**	January 1985**	Net Change From December 1985	Net Change From January 1985
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	58.1	58.3	58.3	- 0.2	- 0.2
MANUFACTURING	9.1	9.1	9.2	0	- 0.1
Durable Goods	0.8	0.8	0.7	0	+ 0.1
Lumber & Wood Products	0.1	0.1	0.1	0	0
Stone, Clay & Glass Prod.	0.2	0.2	0.2	0	0
Other Durable Goods	0.5	0.5	0.4	0	+ 0.1
Nondurable Goods	8.3	8.3	8.5	0	- 0.2
Food & Kindred Products	0.4	0.4	0.4	0	0
Chemical & Pet. Products	7.4	7.4	7.6	0	- 0.2
Other Nondurable Goods	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
MINING	2.0	2.1	2.4	- 0.1	- 0.4
CONSTRUCTION	3.6	3.6	3.8	0	- 0.2
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	4.1	4.3	4.3	- 0.2	- 0.2
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	14.8	14.7	14.6	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Wholesale Trade	3.0	3.1	3.2	- 0.1	- 0.2
Retail Trade	11.8	11.6	11.4	+ 0.2	+ 0.4
Gen. Mdse., App. & Acc.	2.4	2.3	2.4	+ 0.1	0
Auto Dlrs. & Serv. Sta.	1.4	1.4	1.3	0	+ 0.1
Eating & Drinking Places	3.7	3.6	3.3	+ 0.1	+ 0.4
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	2.7	2.7	2.6	0	+ 0.1
Banking***	1.1	1.1	1.0	0	+ 0.1
SERVICES	10.7	10.8	10.6	- 0.1	+ 0.1
Hotels & Other Lodg. Places	0.6	0.6	0.5	0	+ 0.1
Personal Services	0.6	0.6	0.6	0	0
GOVERNMENT	11.1	11.0	10.8	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
Federal	0.7	0.7	0.7	0	0
State and Local	10.4	10.3	10.1	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
State	3.8	3.8	3.8	0	0
Local	6.6	6.5	6.3	+ 0.1	+ 0.3

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

The number of workers on nonagricultural payrolls in the Lake Charles area dropped 200 from the previous month and 200 from the same period of time a year ago.

Manufacturing remained relatively stable and showed little or no change.

Nonmanufacturing declined 200 from December and 100 from January of 1985.

The remainder of the employment segments reflected minute fluctuations.

Unemployment in the next few months should remain about the same.

MONROE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	January 1986*	December 1985**	January 1985**	Net Change From December 1985	Net Change From January 1985
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	54.8	56.6	54.5	- 1.8	+ 0.3
MANUFACTURING	7.6	7.5	7.4	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Durable Goods	2.4	2.4	2.2	0	+ 0.2
Lumber & Wood Products	0.2	0.2	0.2	0	0
Other Durable Goods	2.2	2.2	2.0	0	0
Nondurable Goods	5.2	5.1	5.2	+ 0.1	0
Food & Kindred Products	0.9	0.9	0.9	0	0
Chemical & Allied Products	0.8	0.8	0.8	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	3.5	3.4	3.5	+ 0.1	0
MINING	0.7	0.7	0.7	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	3.8	3.7	3.6	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	2.7	2.7	2.8	0	- 0.1
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	15.9	16.7	15.2	- 0.8	+ 0.7
Wholesale Trade	4.1	4.3	4.1	- 0.2	0
Retail Trade	11.8	12.4	11.1	- 0.6	+ 0.7
Gen. Mdse., App. & Acc.	3.8	4.0	3.1	- 0.2	+ 0.7
Auto Dealers & Serv. Sta.	1.3	1.3	1.3	0	0
Eating & Drinking Places	2.7	3.0	3.1	- 0.3	- 0.4
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	4.3	4.4	4.0	- 0.1	+ 0.3
Banking***	1.1	1.1	1.1	0	0
SERVICES	11.2	11.1	10.7	+ 0.1	+ 0.5
Hotels & Other Lodg. Places	0.7	0.6	0.5	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Personal Services	0.6	0.6	0.6	0	0
Health Services	4.5	4.5	4.4	0	+ 0.1
GOVERNMENT	8.6	9.8	10.1	- 1.2	- 1.5
Federal	0.6	0.6	0.5	0	+ 0.1
State and Local	8.0	9.2	9.6	- 1.2	- 1.6
State	3.7	4.8	3.8	- 1.1	- 0.1
Local	4.3	4.4	5.8	- 0.1	- 1.5

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural wage and salary employment followed the expected trend by dropping 1,800 to an estimated 54,800 workers during mid-January. This reflects the end of the holiday season as well as the semester break and holiday vacation at educational facilities.

Manufacturing, estimated at 7,600 was up 100 from December. The gain was in nondurable goods.

Nonmanufacturing, estimated at 47,200 was down 1,900 from the December estimate. Construction showed a minimal gain of 100 as weather conditions were not as adverse as expected. Wholesale and retail trade fell by 800 as the holiday season ended and temporary workers were laid off. Finance, insurance and real estate was down 100, while services was up by 100 workers. Government showed the largest drop, 1,200 reflecting the semester break and holiday vacation at area educational facilities.

Employment is expected to be relatively stable over the next 30 days. Unemployment will remain high over the same period.

NEW ORLEANS AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	January 1986*	December 1985**	January 1985**	Net Change From December 1985	Net Change From January 1985
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	527.7	533.0	533.6	- 5.3	- 5.9
MANUFACTURING	43.8	44.5	47.0	- 0.7	- 3.2
Durable Goods	21.6	21.8	23.7	- 0.2	- 2.1
Lumber and Wood Products	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	1.8	1.8	2.5	0	- 0.7
Fabricated Metal Products	3.0	3.1	3.1	- 0.1	- 0.1
Machinery	2.8	3.0	3.0	- 0.2	- 0.2
Transportation Equipment	11.8	11.7	12.9	+ 0.1	- 1.1
Ship and Boatbuilding & Repairing	7.2	7.2	8.3	0	- 1.1
Other Durable Goods	1.7	1.7	1.7	0	0
Nondurable Goods	22.2	22.7	23.3	- 0.5	- 1.1
Food & Kindred Products	6.5	6.9	7.3	- 0.4	- 0.8
Apparel & Other Textile Products	1.8	1.8	1.9	0	- 0.1
Paper & Allied Products	1.0	1.0	1.0	0	0
Printing & Publishing	3.6	3.6	3.5	0	+ 0.1
Chemicals and Allied Products	4.3	4.3	4.6	0	- 0.3
Petroleum & Coal Products	4.6	4.6	4.6	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	0.4	0.5	0.4	- 0.1	0
MINING	19.1	19.2	19.8	- 0.1	- 0.7
Oil & Gas Extraction***	18.6	18.7	19.3	- 0.1	- 0.7
CONSTRUCTION	25.4	27.1	27.8	- 1.7	- 2.4
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	45.3	45.4	45.3	- 0.1	0
Railroad Transportation	2.0	2.0	2.1	0	- 0.1
Water Transportation	14.0	13.7	14.0	+ 0.3	0
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	143.0	145.0	139.0	- 2.0	+ 4.0
Wholesale Trade	34.4	34.9	35.8	- 0.5	- 1.4
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods***	20.4	20.8	22.0	- 0.4	- 1.6
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods***	14.0	14.1	13.8	- 0.1	+ 0.2
Retail Trade	108.6	110.1	103.2	- 1.5	+ 5.4
FINANCE, INS, & REAL ESTATE	32.7	33.1	33.3	- 0.4	- 0.6
Banking***	7.5	7.6	7.6	- 0.1	- 0.1
SERVICES	132.6	133.0	131.7	- 0.4	+ 0.9
GOVERNMENT	85.8	85.7	89.7	+ 0.1	- 3.9
Federal	15.7	15.8	15.0	- 0.1	+ 0.7
State and Local	70.1	69.9	74.7	+ 0.2	- 4.6
State	22.1	22.0	22.2	+ 0.1	- 0.1
Local	48.0	47.9	52.5	+ 0.1	- 4.5

NEW ORLEANS AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	January '86*	Dec. '85**	January '85**	January '86*	Dec. '85**	January '85**	January '86*	Dec. '85**	January '85**
All MANUFACTURING	$433.89	$444.14	$426.83	41.6	41.9	41.2	$10.43	$10.60	$10.36
Durable Goods	394.90	404.58	410.44	41.7	41.2	41.5	9.47	9.82	9.89
Stone, Clay, & Glass Pdts.	354.71	360.57	371.39	35.4	35.7	40.5	10.02	10.10	9.17
Fabricated Metal Products	418.25	449.00	403.92	47.1	50.0	44.0	8.88	8.98	9.18
Ship & Boatbuilding and Repairing	386.48	396.70	427.01	42.1	39.2	41.7	9.18	10.12	10.24
Nondurable Goods	471.55	482.38	442.68	41.4	42.5	40.8	11.39	11.35	10.85
Food & Kindred Products	305.41	330.08	335.40	37.2	40.5	38.2	8.21	8.15	8.78
Apparel & Other Textile Pdts.	150.20	135.94	153.53	28.5	23.6	29.3	5.27	5.76	5.24
Paper & Allied Products	429.66	477.12	429.66	46.2	49.7	47.2	9.30	9.60	8.73
Printing & Publishing	409.20	431.30	375.38	44.0	45.4	42.9	9.30	9.50	8.75
Chemicals & Allied Pdts.	682.84	676.53	656.18	43.8	42.9	43.6	15.59	15.77	15.05

Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 28,800 production workers and are computed on a "gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

NEW ORLEANS AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural wage and salary employment in the New Orleans LMA in January seasonally moved down to 527,700, a level 5,300 below December. Every industry division except government exhibited a decrease. Since January 1985, total nonagricultural wage and salary employment lost 5,900 workers, with all industry divisions except trade and services showing losses and providing further evidence of an increasingly troubled local economy.

Retail trade made normal seasonal downward adjustments following the close of the holiday season. Decreases were largely in general merchandise stores, food stores, apparel stores, and miscellaneous retail stores. Wholesale trade moved down mostly in the durable goods sector. Finance, insurance and real estate lost workers in almost every industry. Services were lowered by downturns in business services, automotive repair services, and miscellaneous repair services. Transportation showed an overall decrease with a seasonal downturn in motor freight transportation partly offset by an upturn in water transportation. More favorably, government was boosted by small gains in local and state government.

Construction decreased 1,700, with the largest drop in heavy construction caused by seasonal weather conditions. Mining showed a minor loss.

Employment in manufacturing totaled 43,800 in January, down 700 from last month. The decrease in food and kindred products was largely due to seasonal downturns in seafood processing and the sugar industry. Fabricated metal products and machinery reported layoffs due to less business. Manufacturing employment lost 3,200 workers compared to the total from this same time last year.

Average weekly earnings were $433.89 in January, down $10.25 from last months average and up $7.06 from this same time last year. The change was due to a drop of $0.17 in average hourly earnings and a decrease in average weekly hours of 18 minutes.

Estimated joblessness in January edged up to 61,100, a level 200 above December. Normal seasonal factors were mostly responsible. Unemployment presently comprises 10.4 percent of the labor force compared to 10.2 percent in December and 10.4 percent in January of last year. The January rate was lower than the state rate of 12.2 percent, but much higher than the comparable national rate of 7.3 percent. Beneficiaries of regular unemployment insurance numbered 15,272. Approximately 45.0 percent of the claimants were nonwhite; about 32.0 percent were female.

Total nonagricultural wage and salary employment in the coming months is predicted to show a minor overall gain. Mining and construction will probably be favored by better weather conditions. Retail trade will likely add workers as the Easter season approaches. Unemployment is expected to exhibit little overall change.

SHREVEPORT AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	January 1986*	December 1985**	January 1985**	Net Change From December 1985	Net Change From January 1985
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	137.3	138.6	141.5	- 1.3	- 4.2
MANUFACTURING	19.3	19.3	23.3	0	- 4.0
Durable Goods	14.4	14.4	18.6	0	- 4.2
Lumber and Wood Products	0.7	0.7	0.7	0	0
Metals and Machinery	8.6	8.6	12.7	0	- 4.1
Primary and Fabricated Metals	2.1	2.1	2.4	0	- 0.3
Machinery, Inc. Electrical	6.5	6.5	10.3	0	- 3.8
Other Durable Goods	5.1	5.1	5.2	0	- 0.1
Nondurable Good	4.9	4.9	4.7	0	+ 0.2
Food & Kindred Products	0.9	0.9	0.9	0	0
Printing & Publishing	1.4	1.4	1.4	0	0
Petroleum & Coal Products	0.9	0.9	0.9	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	1.7	1.7	1.5	0	+ 0.2
MINING	4.8	4.8	5.0	0	- 0.2
CONSTRUCTION	7.8	7.9	8.0	- 0.1	- 0.2
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	8.3	8.5	8.9	- 0.2	- 0.6
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	33.3	34.1	33.7	- 0.8	- 0.4
Wholesale Trade	8.6	8.6	8.8	0	- 0.2
Retail Trade	24.7	25.5	24.9	- 0.8	- 0.2
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	8.0	8.0	7.9	0	+ 0.1
SERVICES	29.3	29.5	29.1	- 0.2	+ 0.2
GOVERNMENT	26.5	26.5	25.6	0	+ 0.9
Federal	4.4	4.4	4.3	0	+ 0.1
State and Local	22.1	22.1	21.3	0	+ 0.8
State	7.3	7.3	6.7	0	+ 0.6
Local	14.8	14.8	14.6	0	+ 0.2

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AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	January '86*	Dec. '85**	January '85**	January '86*	Dec. '85**	January '85**	January '86*	Dec. '85**	January '85**
All MANUFACTURING	$373.24	$410.29	$440.18	36.7	39.3	41.1	$10.17	$10.44	$10.71
Lumber and Wood Products	241.54	225.82	213.33	38.4	37.7	39.0	6.29	5.99	5.47
Metals and Machinery	398.66	417.51	- 415.49	39.2	40.3	41.8	10.17	10.36	9.94
Food and Kindred Products	311.54	314.57	289.76	41.1	41.5	41.1	7.58	7.58	7.05
Printing and Publishing	274.52	274.86	243.11	30.2	32.8	28.5	9.09	8.38	8.53
Petroleum and Coal Products	520.30	503.87	476.95	43.0	42.2	40.8	12.10	11.94	11.69

Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 13,700 production workers and are computed on a "gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

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EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

The Shreveport labor market area continues to show a decline in total nonagricultural wage and salary employment. The current estimate of 137,300 is down from 138,600 in December, 1985 and shows a substantial 4,200 employment loss since January, 1985. Total Manufacturing, at 19,300, is unchanged from last month, but 4,000 less than one year ago. Less demand for durable goods manufacturing is the primary cause for the employment decline in manufacturing in this area. The nonmanufacturing employment total shows a 1,300 drop from the previous month, caused primarily by seasonal factors.

Total nonmanufacturing employment is estimated at 118,000, down from 119,300 in December, 1985 and only slightly less than the year ago estimate of 118,200. Payroll reductions in retail trade resulted in an employment loss of 800 since December, 1985. During the past month slight employment losses also occurred in construction, transportation and public utilities and services.

The Shreveport labor area has an estimated 13,700 production workers in manufacturing with average weekly earnings of $373.24, down from $410.29 last month and $440.18 one year ago. The average weekly hours dropped to 36.7, down from 39.3 last month and 41.1 in January, 1985. The average hourly earnings fell to $10.17, down from $10.44 in December and $10.71 one year ago.

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The Shreveport labor market area has an estimated civilian labor force of 166,600, including 146,400 employed and 20,200 unemployed. The jobless rate for this area is 12.1 percent, up from 11.6 percent last month and 8.3 percent one year ago.

The decline in total nonagricultural wage and salary employment should level off as the winter season is nearing an end. The unemployment total will likely remain above the 20,000 level through April.

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